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SUBJECT: DWIVEDI CASE

REF: STATE 038209

1. LAHOTY CALLED AT EMBASSY ON FEB. 26 AND INFORMED
CONSOFF THAT MOST RECENT LETTER FROM RANJAN DWEVEDI
DATED FEBRUARY 20 STATE DWEVEDI HAS BEEN MOVED TO PATNA'S
DHUTWIN SANJ JAIL. DWEVEDI HAS RECEIVED LETTERS THER
FROM HIS WIFE BUT NOT FROM LAHOTY WHO HAS CABLED
AND TWICE WRITTEN BUT TO EARLIER ADDRESS AND OBVIOUSLY
MAIL HAS NOT BEEN FORWARDED.

2. DWEVEDI SAYS IN THIS LETTER THAT HIS WIFE CONTACTED
RAM JETHMALANI (INDIAN LAWYER WHO SOUGHT REFUGE IN
AMERICA BUT RETURNED RECENTLY TO CONTEST INDIAN ELECTION)
AND THAT JETHMALANI HAD AGREED TO TAKE PART IN DWEVEDI
PATNA TRIAL. JETHMALANI IS HOWEVER IMMERSSED IN
ELECTIONNERING AND HOS NOT AS YET CONTACTED ANYONE
IN DELHI REGARDING THE CASE. DWEVEDI'S MENTOR HERE,
V.M. TARKUNDE, IS A JAYAPRAKASH NARAYAN RIGHT
HAND MAN AND IS ALSO INTENSELY INVOLVED IN ELECTION
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PROCEEDINGS. LAHOTY HIMSELF IN HANDLING APPEAL IN
INDIA'S SENSATIONLA DR. JAIN MURDER CASE. LAHOTY
SAYS THERFORE HE IS CERTAIN NONE OF THE ADVOCATES HERETOFORE
MENTIONED WILL BE FREE BEFORE THE END OF MARCH TO
CONCERN THEMSELVES WITH DWEVEDI.

3. LAHOTY FEELS THAT LOCAL COUNSEL IN PATNA BEST

EQUIPPED TO HANDLE CASE ANYWAY AND DOES NOT NOW
INTEND TO INVOLVE HIMSELF UNLESS SPECIFICALLY REQUESTED
TO DO SO. DWEVEDI EARLIER INFORMED LAHOTY THAT
NAGEWARA RAO WHOM LAHOTY TERMS AS "EMINENT CRIMINAL COUNSEL"
IN PATNA HAD TAKEN THE CASE. MOST RECENT LETTER DOES
NOT MENTION RAO BUT STATES BAIL APPLICATION WILL BE MOVED
SHORTLY. LAHOTY THINKS THAT, IF GRANTED, BAIL IN PATNA
WILL BE AT LEAST AS MUCH AS THE 10,000 RUPEES REQUESTED
IN RAY CASE AND POSSIBLY MORE. BOTH AMOUNTS WOULD HAVE
TO BE PAID BEFORE DWEVEDI COULD BE RELEASED. LAHOTY
AGREES THAT UNTIL BAIL GRANTED IN PATNA IT WOULD NOT BE
USEFUL TO TIE UP LIMITED FUNDS PAYING DELHI BAIL REQUEST.

4. LAHOTY FEELS THAT FOR PERSONAL REASONS DWEVEDI DOES NOT
WANT TO REQUEST MONEY FROM HIS WIFE. LAHOTY AND OTHER
FRIENDS OF DWEVEDI ARE THEREFORE MAKING DONATIONS TOWARDS
EXPENSES IN THE PATNA CASE AND WILL HAVE
FIRST INSTALLMENT (PERHAPS \$100 - 200) TO FORWARD
TO WHOMEVER HANDLES CASE THERE BY FIRST WEEK IN MARCH.

5. LAHOTY'S MAIN INTEREST IN THE CASE NOW IS AS A FRIEND
OF DWEVEDI. LAHOTY IS CONCERNED OVER DWEVEDI'S STATE
OF MIND AND HIS APPARENT FEELING OF ISOLATION IN PATNA.
TONE OF LATEST LETTER IS DISCOURAGED, I.E.,
"I AM PASSING THROUGH A GREAT ORDEAL" ETC. MRS. DWEVEDI
SHOULD FACE NO PROBLEM AT ALL IN RETURNING TO INDIA
AND IN FACT IT MIGHT BE USEFUL AS A MORALE BOOSTER FOR HER
TO DO SO, BEARING IN MIND OF COURSE THAT SHE MIGHT BE
CALLED UPON TO FURNISH COMBINED BAIL AMOUNTS SOME TIME
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IN FUTURE. LAHOTY BELIEVES DWEVEDI FRIENDS AND RELATIVES
HERE WILL NOT BE ABLE TO COME UP WITH ANYTHING NEAR
RS. 20 - 25,000 IN COMBINED PATNA-DELHI BAIL AMOUNT.
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